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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 943  
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, EAIR  
SUBJECT: ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTIONS: FOLLOW-UP WITH GOK

REF: KUWAIT 2729

1. AMBASSADOR MAY 10 TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF TALK ON OTHER  
SUBJECTS WITH FONMIN SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD TO MENTION THAT  
HE HAD RECENTLY RAISED WITH PRIMIN SHAIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLAH  
DESIRABILITY OF KUWAIT'S ACCEDING TO SUBJECT CONVENTIONS  
(REFTEL). FONMIN REACTED PROMPTLY AS IF SUBJECT WAS INDEED  
ON HIS IND, BUT REPLIED, OBSCURELY: "WE ARE READY TO SIGN,  
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WITH ONE EXCEPTION -- THE PALESTINIANS." AMBASSADOR POINTED  
OUT THAT QUESTION OF TERRORISM AND HIJACKING IS MUCH  
BROADER THAN QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN ACTIVITY ALONE, AND  
SAID THAT BOTH IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE RATIFIED ALL  
THREE CONVENTIONS.

2. SABAH AL-AHMAD ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER KUWAIT'S

SIGNATURE WOULD PUT A STOP TO HIJACKING. AMBASSADOR  
REPLIED THAT IF ALL NATIONS SIGN IT WILL CERTAINLY MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE.

3. FONMIN THEN DISMISSED SUBJECT SAYING THAT CONVENTIONS  
HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR STUDY.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CONVERSATION WAS BRIEF AND SKETCHY,  
AND NOT INDICATIVE OF FONMIN'S FULL THINKING, AMBASSADOR  
LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT GOK IS NOT MOVING RAPIDLY TOWARD  
ACCESSION. MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT HAS OF COURSE HAD  
CONVENTIONS UNDER STUDY FOR A LONG TIME ALREADY. WE  
WILL FOLLOW UP WITH LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN DUE COURSE.  
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